

Weekly Views

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*Merry
Christmas*

Wednesday, December 24, 2008

The Crime Stoppers pilot project kicked off at Correctional Industrial Facility. Crime Stoppers Program Director Lt. Tom Kern demonstrated how the program allows offenders to view unsolved crime information on television and submit tips.

Staff of the Plainfield Re-Entry Educational Facility provided Suicide Prevention Training to 9 residents of the facility.

Miami Correctional Facility PLUS offenders spread Christmas cheer by delivering Christmas trees they had decorated with handmade ornaments to the recreation buildings, Offender Services Buildings, and dining halls.

Logansport Juvenile graduated 10 students from CLIFF. To date, 133 have graduated and have an 11% recidivism rate.

Staff at Rockville Correctional Facility sponsored 60 Parke County children on the annual facility Giving Tree. The facility coordinated with the 4 local elementary schools to identify the needs and wishes of each child.

The New Castle Correctional Facility PLUS unit sold 368 Wick's pies as a fundraiser. The unit raised \$1267.94 and made a couple of outside donations, including \$300 to the Wee Ones Nursery at the Indiana Women's Prison.

Camp Summit's English class students wrote Holiday books for small children who are in Riley Children's Hospital.

Kevin Hunter of the Evansville Parole Office participated in the annual Shop with a Cop program in Warrick County. The program is a joint effort between law enforcement agencies, local school corporations, and a local credit union.

A crew of 6 offenders and a Correctional Officer from the Edinburgh Correctional Facility assisted volunteers at the Lords Locker in Trafalgar, IN as they prepared to deliver Holiday meals. The offenders unloaded trucks organized food items.

Indiana Women's Prison staff and offenders donated approximately 100 pounds of food items to the Gleaners Food Bank.

Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility sends a great big thanks to Indiana State Prison for the donation of \$500 to its boy scout troop. The money will be used for camping equipment and other Boy Scout supplies.

Staff at the Putnamville Correctional Facility purchased Christmas gifts for 41 students at Reelsville Elementary School and 12 students at Cloverdale Elementary School as part of the facility's annual Angel Tree program.

The Indianapolis Women's Community Re-Entry Center celebrated its first Christmas Behind Bars. Lemual Vega, along with Unchained Ministries, handed out Christmas packages to 82 women at the center.

More than 3,600 bags of homemade cookies were delivered to all Miami Correctional Facility staff and offenders. For the past 7 years, Gospel Echoes of Goshen have come in with several volunteers to pass out bags during the holidays.

Over 400 pounds of food and \$760 was raised by staff and offenders at the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility to benefit Our Fathers Arms food pantry, which will serve the needy in Sullivan County this holiday season.

Westville's offender musical group has been spreading holiday cheer throughout the facility. Times and Tunes performed holiday music for the annual staff holiday luncheon, the hospital unit, and the Therapeutic Community.

Plainfield Correctional Facility offenders performed for staff, while staff gave offenders holiday goodie bags.

Correctional Industrial Facility's PLUS Writers Club sponsored a Holiday Outreach for area nursing homes by sending out 700 Christmas cards with letters of encouragement written and signed by the PLUS Program Community.

Pendleton Correctional Facility staff and offenders donated 451 food items to the Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana in connection with the recent Holiday Food Drive.

From the Office of Edwin G. Buss, Commissioner